



Monocacy Pistol Club

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NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2009

RETROSPECTIVE

New Chief Range Safety Officer (CRSO) – In January, we welcomed Mr. Jeremy Gray as our new CRSO. Mr. Gray received broad support during the election, and was recommended to the post by Mr. George Bransom, our long-time CRSO. We welcome Mr. Gray, and offer him our support fulfilling his role.

Heart Attacks: Symptoms and Care – During the February Membership Meeting, Dr. John Vitarello, M.D., F.A.C.C., delivered a presentation on the signs and symptoms of a heart attack, and discussed a new cardiac program by the Frederick Memorial Hospital, which is considered the best in the state. Dr. Vitarello offered expert advice on modern medications and diets to promote better cardiac health. Thank you, Dr. Vitarello.

Weekly Match Announcements – We now have a phone-based, weekly match update service that enables our members to call the Club's range telephone (301-694-5469) and get the latest schedule information regarding upcoming and cancelled matches. No more showing up to a cancelled match!

Broad Volunteer Support – Many members have come forth and volunteered to support our Club. Our website is now maintained by two, very capable webmasters, Mr. Jason Ashmore and Mr. Ron Crouse; our Match Schedule is maintained by Mr. Bob Loesch; our Match Scores are maintained by Ms. Helen Gemignani; phone match announcements are provided weekly by Mr. Keith Gardner; the Newsletter is assembled by Chuck Regan; and the Club Visitor Log is maintained by Mr. Pat Vickers.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Range Repairs – We are planning to make significant repairs to the Pin Range during the month of June. Given the breadth of the repairs, we will likely need a good deal of member involvement. We will be announcing the details in the May newsletter and during the May membership meeting.

Banquet Preparations – The 2009 Annual Awards Banquet is scheduled for Friday, May 8th. You should be receiving your invitations very soon. Last year's banquet was great: great attendance, great prizes, and lots of awards. We hope this year will be even better: over \$2,000 in prizes and even more awards than last year. Please send your payments no later than April 15th to: Monocacy Pistol Club, c/o Paula Roberts, 13504 Anndyke Place, Germantown, MD 20874. Please join us for a wonderful evening of socializing, excellent food, and great fun.

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<u>Vice President</u> Jake Straits, (301) 371-7344
<u>Treasurer</u> Greg Talamini, (301) 846-0627
<u>Secretary</u> Linda Newcomer, (301) 570-3987
<u>Chief Range Officer</u> Jeremy Gray, (240) 423-0953
<u>Membership Chairman</u> Steve Matlock, (301) 874-0691

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As we continue to build on our objectives from last year, we have a number of new initiatives to expand member involvement, match diversity, and promote greater safety – while having fun.

(1) Develop initiatives that have a wide appeal, and promote our shooting sport to a broader audience, including women, and our younger generation – We are seeking a volunteer that will take ownership of our Junior Program. We will be putting much more emphasis on this key initiative this year. Your help in this great endeavor is greatly appreciated.

(2) Promote wider membership involvement in club activities, and encourage members to fill our thinning ranks of RSOs, Instructors, and Match Directors – We have seen a dramatic increase in the number of RSOs involved and conducting matches. It is now typical to have three or more active RSOs during a match.

(3) Work closely within the Board and the Membership to facilitate the improvement of our facilities, expand the club's lines of communications, and extend the services we offer our members – We have expanded coverage in the critical area of Club communications, and now have more timely updates to our website, posting of match scores, and phone access to match schedule updates for members not active on the web.

(4) Actively promote our shooting services and matches, increasing membership and community awareness of available shooting classes and instruction, and matches that help develop better shooting skills – We will strive to expand the coverage and promotion of our Club activities, and building positive awareness in our community.

(5) Promote openness, trust, and respect in the manner in which we address our grievances and especially, how we remedy infractions within our Club – We continue the process of clearly communicating responsibilities and expectations with the Match Director and RSO functions through broader collaboration and cooperation, and through the clarification and communication of uniform standards.

(6) Extend our membership community to include influential political and business personalities, so that we may broaden the number of voices speaking on our behalf during uncertain times – We will expand our Monthly Community Speakers program, and seek to include more local politicians and influential business personalities friendly to our sport.

That's it – for now. I will continue to bring you monthly updates on our progress. I ask for your feedback, either by phone (301) 639-5650, or email at President@monocacypistolclub.com.

Thank you, Leo Escoto.

VICE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Our Club has enrolled in the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) – affiliation number 71136. Among its various activities, including the 2009 Creedmoor Cup Matches, this program allows our Club members to purchase a variety of used military firearms at very reasonable prices, including:

- M-1 Garands and M-1 Carbines
- 1903 Springfields
- 22 target and commercial rifles
- Air rifles

If you are interested in the CMP, please visit their website at www.odcmp.com.

Thank you, Jake Straits

TREASURER'S CORNER

Currently, our Club is in good financial shape, with a Checking Account balance of \$11,622.32. There are outstanding match fees, of which we've seen a great increase in Guest fees, and soda sales yet to be deposited.

Looking forward, we anticipate approximately \$6,000-\$7,000 in range repairs, including repairs to the the Pins Range and extensions to the wall between the Bullseye and PPC ranges. We will publish more details during the year.

Please keep in mind that one of the best ways to keep expenses down to a minimum, is to volunteer your services and labor when needed to complete repairs and upgrades.

I must say that we are all very pleased with the recent attendance at the steel matches. The new targets are a little bit more challenging and a lot of fun.

See you all at the range. Shoot often and be safe.

Thank you, Greg Talamini

SECRETARY'S CORNER

The winter is almost over, and as I am writing this it is snowing six inches. We haven't done any shooting on the Bullseye range since December. At this point, no matches are scheduled until the first Wednesday in May, when the season begins for the John Putnam Memorial Bullseye league. If anyone needs CCI Standard .22 ammo, please let me know.

I will see everyone at the banquet, if not before.

Thank you, Linda Newcomer.

CHIEF RANGE OFFICER'S CORNER

There will be a Workday scheduled for April 19th, starting at 10:00 am. The range will be closed during the Workday activities.

During the workday, we will be extending the wall between the PPC and the Bullseye ranges. Please bring picks, shovels, digging bars, post-hole diggers, and gloves. We will also need pickup trucks to haul away trash and brush.

We will also be schedule a workday very soon to clean-up and reorganize the storage and statistics sheds. More details will follow soon.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

The Club membership stands at –

- Regular Members: 205
- Probationary Members: 40
- Life Members: 6
- Junior Members: 3

Total Active Members: 254

Membership Availability –

- Regular: 0
- Junior: 7
- New Applications: 3
- Waiting List: 0

The Club's rolls for Regular Members are closed. As new applications are approved, they will be added to the Waiting List, and then the applicant will be notified of the application status. The club can still currently accept Junior members.

We would like to welcome the following New Members, who joined since the last Newsletter –

Harry W. Thompson, Irvin Prickett, Kevin O'Shaughnessy, Ahna O'Shaughnessy, Dwight Mumper, Robert Dallas, Chuck Regan, Stephen Kupferberg, Blaine Young, Gary Tolbert, Glen Calderon, David Hodge, Mark Rountree, Justin Bra-shears, Holly Diggs, Joseph O'Connell, Jim Sykes Jr., James White, Daniel Voss, Brian Dawson, Michael Shoemaker, Kevin Delmolino, Robert Gray, Glenn Dindinger, Rodney Gibson, Ronald Cox, Bryan Butler, Leonard Cope, and Shawn Gray.

Welcome to the Monocacy Pistol Club!

The following members have successfully completed their Probationary term and are eligible to renew as Regular Members, provided all requirements have been completed:

Robert Suggs, Dino Flores, Jean Manning, Nicholas Petti, John Banks, Dinesh Patil, and Eric Schaffer .

Congratulations!

Since October of last year, we have endeavored to communicate with the Club's membership by email as much as possible. This saves time and effort; and the cost of paper, postage, and ink. If you have an email address on file with the Club, you will receive all future communications via email. Please make sure that my email address, matlocks@comcast.net is not blocked by your system. If a "Read Receipt" has been requested, please allow it to go through.

On a different note, over the past several months our Board has requested volunteers to help in various Club functions, and the response has been terrific. To all that responded, thank you for your support and enthusiasm. Through these volunteers, the targets have been kept in repair, matches are conducted more frequently, the website and calendars are up-to-date, finding out about changes to the schedule is just a phone call away, and the posting of the match scores are timely.

If you responded to our call and were not selected, please do not stop answering the call for help. There will be more opportunities, and the help goes a long way in keeping Club running smoothly.

REMINDER: Please renew your NRA membership on-line through our web site. If you renew or sign up a new member this way, the Club gets part of the fee. This is an easy way to put some money back into the club and it costs no more. On the club web site click on membership, then click on 'Join NRA' on the right side of the screen.

Thank you, Steve Matlock

CLUB ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

(1) The Executive Board meetings of the Monocacy Pistol Club are held on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm at the Keller Williams office located at 7450B New Technology Way, Frederick, MD 21703. Members are welcome.

(2) The Membership meetings of the Monocacy Pistol Club are held on the third Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm at the Keller Williams office located at 7450B New Technology Way, Frederick, MD 21703.

(3) The New Member Briefings are held on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 2:00 pm; and Midterm Briefings are held on the last Sunday of each month at 1:00 pm.

UPCOMING CLUB MATCHES

- **March 15th, Match Seminar, 11:00 am**
- March 17th, CAS, 12:00 Noon
- March 21st, Pins, 11:00 am
- March 22nd, Revolver Steel, 11:00 am
- March 28th, Cowboy Action, 12:00 Noon
- March 29th, Lucky Seven Steel, 11:00 am

CLASSIFIEDS

If you have any items you'd like to obtain, sell, or trade, please provide the following information to Mr. Steve Matlock via email.

- (1) Full description of the item for sale
- (2) A picture, if possible
- (3) Contact information
- (4) Your intent to comply with all applicable Federal and Maryland laws.

Firearms listed must be sold in compliance with all applicable Federal and Maryland laws. We assume no responsibilities for any sales.

MENTIONS OF INTEREST

April 4th and 5th, 2009 – Silverado Gun Show Frederick Fairgrounds, Exit 55 & 56 Off I-70 Frederick, MD

April 24th through 26th, 2009 – The Nation's Gun Show, Dulles Exposition Center, Chantilly, Virginia

LEGISLATIVE NEWS

Big Brother's New Target: Tracking Firearms (H.R. 45) – U.S. Representative Bobby Rush (D-Ill.) recently sponsored H.R. 45, also known as "Blair Holt's Firearm Licensing and Record of Sale Act." The bill is, at its core and as its name implies, a licensing and registration scheme.

Feds Send Mixed Signals On Push For Gun Control - Attorney General Calls For Renewal of Clinton "Assault Weapons" Ban – On Wednesday, February 25, just over five weeks after Inauguration Day, Attorney General Eric Holder announced that the Obama Administration will seek to reinstate the expired federal "assault weapon" ban and impose additional restrictions.